Statement

	I	II	III	IV	V
1991	Maharashtra (253503)	Kerala (248249)	Tamil Nadu (204261)	*	AP (147614)
1992	Kerala (500016)	Maharashtra (294553)	AP (264131)	Tamil Nadu (246040)	UP (189404)
1993	Kerala (718854)	Tamil Nadu (523263)	Maharashtra (222370)	AP (215090)	**

*includes passports issued by

PO Jalandhar : 110185 as well as by

RPO Chandigarh : 79354. The RPO Chandigarh covers 9 districts of Punjab besides the Union Territory of Chandigarh and the States of Himachal Pradesh and Haryana

TOTAL : 189539

**includes passports issued by

PO Jalandhar : 110070 as well as by

RPO Chandigarh : 95554. The RPO Chandigarh covers 9 districts of Punjab besides the Union Territory of Chandigarh and the States of Himachal Pradesh and Haryana

TOTAL : 205624

Posts lying vacant in Ahmedabad Regional Passport Office

*212. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of posts are lying vacant in the Regional Passport Office at Ahmedabad since a long period and public work relating to early documentation and clearance has been suffering;

(b) if so, what posts are still lying vacant category wise as on date;

(c) what steps have been taken by Government in this regard;

(d) whether there is a proposal to upgrade Ahmedabad Regional Passport Office; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) and (b) Details of vacant posts at Regional Passport Office, Ahmedabad, are given in the Statement. (*See* below).

(c) Promotion to the posts of Superintendent, Assistant and UDC in the Central Passport Organisation including posts at Ahmedabad have been effected. Steps have also been taken to fill up the posts of LDCs.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Statement

S. No	Post	Sanctioned strength	Occupancy	Vacancy
1	Passport Officer	1	—	– 1
2	Assistant Passport Officer	1	—	– 1
3	Public Relations Officer	3	1	– 2
4	Superintendent	3	6	+3
5	Assistant	10	15	+5
6	UDC	21	13	– 8
7	Steno	2	—	– 2
8	LDC	52	28	– 24
9	Driver	1	—	—1
10	Record Keeper	—	1	+1
11	Record Sorter	1	1	—
12	Daftary	1	1	
13	Peon	6	5	—
14	Watchman	1	—	– 1
				– 1

In addition, there are 24 Casual employees.

Electrification of Tenali-Repalle Railway Line

*213. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on the 12th February, 1994 the Minister of State for Railways had announced at Narsaraopet on South Central Railway to electrify the Tenali-Repalle railway route; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir. It was only announced that the proposal for electrification of Tenali-Repalle will be examined.